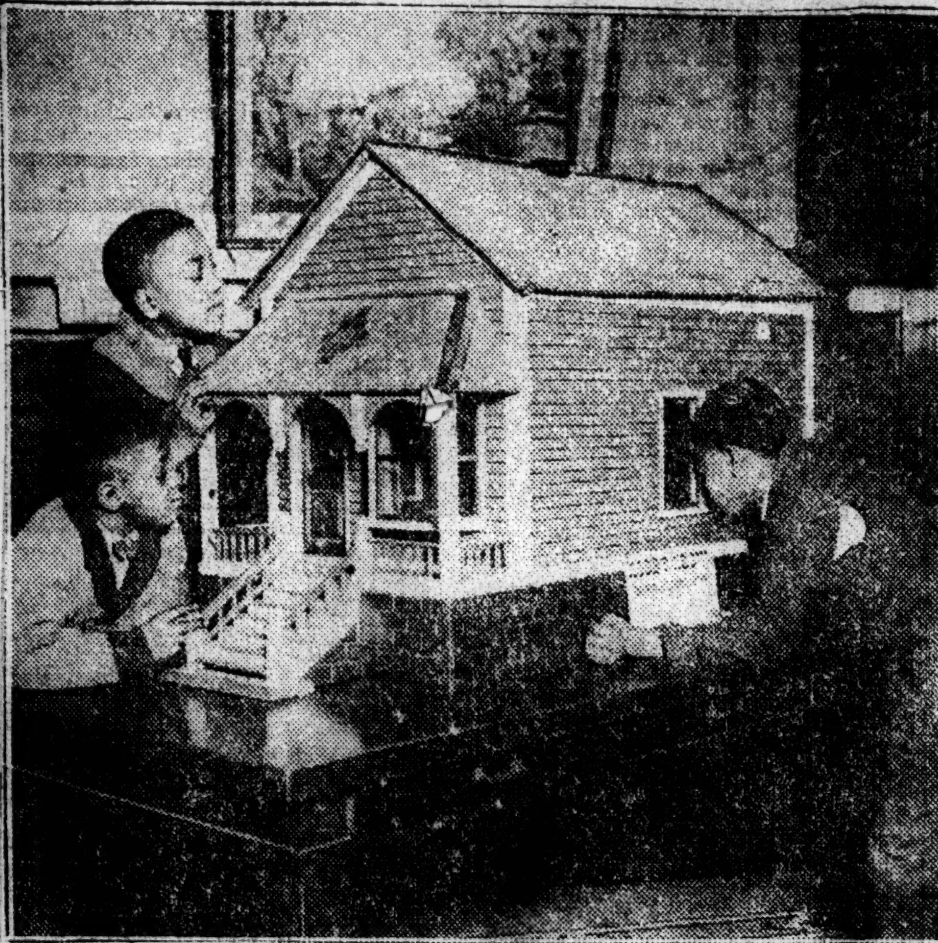


Y.M.C.A. — 1923

FINE FRAME HOUSE IN MINIATURE.



ONE OF THE EXHIBITS AT HOLIDAY TOY SHOW OF WABASH AVENUE DEPARTMENT, Y. M. C. A. LEFT TO RIGHT—JAMES GARDNER, ALLEN CHRISTIAN, TAFT DAGNER.

[By a staff photographer of The Daily News.]

A TOY show, given by negro boys from south side public schools at the Wabash avenue department of the Y. M. C. A., has afforded the residents of the neighborhood an additional reason aside from the birth of Lincoln for celebrating to-day as a holiday. More than a hundred colored children are exhibiting play-
 ses, lamps, electric choo-choo trains,
 grown-up chairs and desks and many other toys made in manual training classes. Allen Christian and James Gardner are among the boys whose handiwork is being shown. The toy exhibit, arranged by O. R. Bryant, Y. M. C. A. secretary, is the first of its kind and is designed to increase the pride of the boys in their work and to arouse a neighboring morale.

Association Grows in Numbers

and Influence; Hi-Y Club

Makes Signal Record

In the words of George R. Arthur, the year 1922 was one of continuous growth in all lines of activity promoted by the Wabash avenue branch of the Young Men's Christian association. In the annual report, just made public, is evidence to show that the association has become closely woven into the main fabric of community activity by virtue of its success in developing its religious, social and industrial programs.

This is the sort of connection that the officials of the association have worked for, and they believe now that the community itself recognizes the worth of the organization in the development of its particular district, else, why, as the report points out, should the membership of the Wabash avenue branch have increased during the past year from 1,251 to 1,661, or a little more than 32 per cent?

Street Meetings

Certain work of the association has been taken for granted, especially that of a religious character, but even there significant advances have been made. "Y" street meetings were held, "straight gospel talks" being given in order to combat the usual "anti-propaganda" speakers that infest the thoroughfares during the warm months of the year.

Bible study work made much progress, there being an attendance of 2,161 at 187 sessions. There was much new evidence of co-operation between the association and the churches these latter making use of the "Y" building, and Mr. Arthur having been made an active member of the Ministerial alliance, the only layman member of the group. A central agency for training Sunday school teachers was organized at the "Y." Social activities of many kinds found brightest expression in the work of the Intercollegiate club which, besides giving literary and musical programs, was instrumental in procuring work for students and salary increases for teachers.

The four-fold program of the association was worked out in the boys' section through the boys' work committee, the boys' cabinet, the Hi-Y club and the young men's council.

Hi-Y Club

The Hi-Y club was composed of workers from the "Y" and from the schools, six committees being appointed. This club directed a clean-up campaign, the most signal accomplishment of the season. Results of this work showed:

Back yards cleaned, 1,307; front yards cleaned, 927; vacant lots cleaned, 328; insect breeding places destroyed, 528; basements cleaned, 607; attics cleaned, 197; fences repaired, 287; fences painted, 121; old signs removed, grass plots sowed, 424; flower beds planted, 406; gardens planted, 338; shrubbery planted, 111 plants; rubbish piles burned, 774; porches cleaned, 921; street signs cleaned, 65; ash cans emptied, 678; trees trimmed, 135; houses painted, 142; woodwork varnished, 335; gutters cleaned, 222.

There were 2,326 students who participated in this work.

A summer school for backward boys held at the branch under the direction of Willis N. Huggins, resulted in 55 per cent of the boys being passed into the next higher grades. The summer camp for boys was the largest and most successful ever held, with 106 campers. During the four "C" campaign over 1,900 boys were reached with an appeal for clean speech, clean habits, clean athletics and clean morals.

Physical Program

The physical program and recreational periods brought out an attendance of 21,544. During the year with the assistance of the medical and dental staffs of the association the physical director examined 496 men and boys who were found to have bodily defects, among which were noted rickets, varicose veins, arterial sclerosis, spinal curvature, venereal diseases, genital disturbances, hernia, nasal and throat impediments. Two of these defects had led to retardation in the school work of the boys effected. In all cases the defects were charted and treated either by

prescribed gymnasium work or by the family physician. Forty-five per cent of the defects were improved; in 40 per cent of the cases complete cures were effected, and 15 per cent were referred to specialists. Among the cures were five operative cases.

The association has an intimate and active industrial program. Men have been put to work and jobs have been sought for them. The men have been benefited as well as the "Y" through this work. Many of the big concerns have hired workers on the recommendation of the association and the number of such employees is increasing. The men have been treated fairly and have made commendable progress in the work taken up. The story of this work could be given much space.

Through the influence of Perry Parker the association building became the headquarters for Pullman workers and others employed on the railroads during the year.

Social Service Work

The social service section of the department procured 1,332 jobs for members and friends, gave away 48 suits, 68 overcoats, 78 suits of underwear, 18 pairs of shoes; located 10 persons lost by relatives in other cities; placed six sick down-and-out men in hospitals; assisted 21 men to return to homes in other parts of the country, and held interviews on other personal problems.

The subscription budget for 1923 covers \$10,000, two-thirds of which is expected to be subscribed by the group of men the department serves primarily.

In closing his report the secretary writes: "Noblesse oblige has come down through the centuries, reminding men of all races that with honor and riches comes responsibility. The Negro in many lands is being honored, also he is in many instances becoming rich. Will he experience as other nations have done the handicap of racial irresponsibility, or will he take advantage now of a thousand years' experience of other groups and push ahead firmly and seriously those institutions which are doing great things in the making of a worthy Race, a great nation and a God-fearing people."

THE MAYOR BEFORE THE COLORED BRANCH OF THE Y. M. C. A. Atlanta, Ga. At the instance of W. J. Trent, secretary of the Butler Street branch of the Y. M. C. A., Mayor W. A. Sims addressed a large and appreciative audience in the lecture room last Sunday afternoon.

The Mayor departed from the usual lines of argument with which a white man commonly addresses a Negro audience, and addressed himself to the moral, economic, and financial problems confronting the city. You could not tell from the vein of his argument whether he was addressing a white or colored audience. He discussed civic problems to citizens, and appealed to the civic pride of his auditors for their co-operation in putting over

his program of civic betterment he had in mind. 2-8-23

No person who heard him speak thought of his radical identity, but felt himself a citizen, charged with a citizen's responsibility for civic improvements. The mayor declared that he would be mayor of all the people and that his civic pride and patriotism covered the interest of every citizen, and that he needed the co-operation of every citizen to promote Atlanta's highest good.

He rapped the police and called upon the citizens to co-operate with him in breaking up co-partnership between negroes and policemen engaged in bootlegging. He promised to get rid of all policemen and detectives who hung around dives and questionable places on their beats. He said there is no place on the Atlanta police force for any policeman who winked at the violation of any law.

He spoke of the depleted condition of the city treasury and in spite of the million dollar deficit, with the co-operation of all the people, he would make many civic improvements. He said he could not physically link the south side to the north side with great viaducts because of the lack of funds, but he could and would bridge all breaches among the people by loving them, like Grady did the North and South, into a lasting peace and co-operation for the good of the municipality.

FIFTH ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN STUDENT CONFERENCE

Topeka, Kan. New York, N. Y., January 15.—The International Y. M. C. A. Headquarters, cooperating with state and local Associations, has just announced that the Fifth Annual Summer Student conference for the Southwest, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Miss., Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama and West Tennessee will meet at Coleman College, Gibsonland, La., May 4-14, 1923. Delegates will come from more than sixty Student Associations in as many schools and colleges. Expert leaders in Association work, religion, social welfare and race relationships will conduct the conference. Foreign delegates will come from down in Cuba, Jamaica, South Africa, and Japan will be present. Mr. William Curtis Craver, the International representative for this field, is the Executive Secretary of the conference.

ANNUAL REPORT
 OF "Y" REVEALS
 MARKED ADVANCE

Chicago Ill.

The Y.M.C.A. and the Negro.

The American Y.M.C.A. at their forty-first international convention, made a great appeal against racial prejudices. The report of the commission on the occupation of the field recommended in its original form "that the work of the Coloured Department be extended as thoroughly and rapidly as feasible." This was amended so that the final recommendation is "that the work of the Coloured Department be thoroughly and rapidly extended, especially in the cities of the North, where there is a rapidly growing population, and in those portions of the South where the coloured race constitutes the predominating factor of the rural world." Two coloured men, Dr. R. R. Moton and Bishop Jones, were appointed delegate and alternate, respectively, on the Committee of 55. This committee is entrusted with making plans for the coming constitutional convention. The coloured delegates thought this was inadequate representation for the coloured race, and the convention authorised the Committee of 55 to give the negroes increased representation on the committee in case it found the present representation insufficient.

Philadelphia

"Y" Increases

Its Holdings

Chinese Defense
Chinese, etc.
Buys \$20,000 Annex to Provide

Larger Class and Assembly

Rooms for Growing Roster

3-17-23

Philadelphia, Pa., March 16.—At a cost of nearly \$20,000 property with a frontage of 40 feet on Christian street adjoining the present location of the building occupied now for nine years by the local Southwest branch of the Young Men's Christian association of Philadelphia, was acquired and will as soon as possible be converted into dormitory rooms connected with the building proper to relieve the present shortage in that respect.

Later on the houses will be razed and a permanent annex erected as a part of the present building. This will make possible not only an increase in the number of young men who can be accommodated with rooms in the association, but will also make possible an enlargement of the gymnasium and the swimming pool, both of which have long since proven inadequate to the demands which are daily made on them by the members. Additional class rooms and an assembly room are also part of the plans for the future.

It is hoped by the committee of management that an assembly room capable of seating several hundred can be constructed and they hope to make it available for use by other organizations and the general public for meeting purposes.

Secretary Henry W. Porter, who has been in charge of the work since the opening of the building, in his report to the committee of manage-

ment said in part:

"The work of the Young Men's Christian association for Negro men and boys was instituted in Philadelphia a number of years ago. Perhaps it will interest you to know what has been done and what we plan to do. During the past nine years in the various departments of our work we have rendered service to the following number:

"Accommodated in our dormitories, regular and transient, 36,714; men and boys using shower baths, 26,107; men and boys using gymnasium and natatorium, 23,038; men playing games on billiard tables, 112,680; members of clubs and organizations using building, 26,000; number attending educational and religious meetings, 123,000; homes and employment found for men and boys, 3,000; advice and counsel to men and boys, 22,000."

While no general appeal has been made to the public to finance the above undertaking, the members of the committee are themselves contributing and accepting from the friends of the association funds to cover a part of the cost of the recent purchase.

General Secretary W. M. Wood of the Metropolitan association, of which the Southwest building is a part, attended the meeting of the committee and congratulated the organization on the splendid manner in which the affairs of the association had been handled during the time of occupancy of the building. The secretary's report for the month showed a satisfactory increase in memberships and added interest in many of the association features. Dr. T. S. Burwell is chairman of the committee of management and Attorney W. A. Pollard is secretary. Other members are Messrs. J. H. Irvin, A. H. Fauset, Dr. J. P. Turner, J. R. Reddick, Isadore Martin and B. H. George.

F. B. RANSOM HONORED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 3.—On the twentieth-first day of February the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association elected F. B. Ransom, of this city, a member of that body, thereby conferring upon him a great honor and giving him a larger opportunity for service to his race and country.

Mr. Ransom, who has long been actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, started when a student at Walden University in the capacity of president of the student Association. He also represented his association at the International Convention that met in Washington, D. C., in 1906.

Since coming to Indianapolis, he has been a great asset to the colored branch. Having filled the position of president of the Tuesday evening Bible Study Club, captain of the building campaign, attorney for the Committee of Management and he is now chairman thereof. 3/9/23

He attended the International Convention in Detroit, Atlantic City, and worker conference at Cincinnati.

Mr. Ransom is attorney and manager of the Madam C. J. Walker Man-

ufacturing Company.

Bishop Robert E. Jones and Dr. Robert R. Moton, are the other colored men on the International Committee.

PHILADELPHIA PA RECORD

MARCH 26, 1923

TO ENLARGE Y. M. C. A. FOR DOWNTOWN COLORED MEN

Two Properties Bought for Extension of Badly Cramped Quarters.

Rapid growth of its work among the colored population in South Philadelphia has caused the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia to buy two properties adjoining its South West Branch Building, Nos. 724-726 Christian street. The dwellings, Nos. 728 and 730 Christian street, have been purchased, providing an additional frontage of 50 feet.

The buildings will be altered, improved and converted into dormitories and arranged for club use. Henry W. Porter, executive secretary of the South West Branch, yesterday said the additional space was necessary to provide for the constantly growing membership of the Y. M. C. A. among the colored.

Mr. Porter is a member of the colored race, and a graduate of the University of Ohio. He has been engaged in "Y" work for 20 years.

Southwest Branch enrolls 900 men, women, boys and girls in its numerous activities, its work being identical to

A. The building has a swimming pool, billiard and pool rooms. The dormitories now in use accommodate 70 men.

HONOR COLORED Y. W. SEC.

Farewell Held for Mrs. Barbara E. Courtney

DAYTON, Ohio, April 19 (Special) Commending Mrs. Barbara E. Courtney, general secretary of the Fifth Street Branch of the Y. W. C. A. who will leave Dayton, Ohio, May 1st to become executive secretary of the Colored Association in Jersey City, N. J., a farewell affair was arranged by the board of directors of the central Y. W. C. A., and was in the nature of a surprise party.

Besides association executives, there were numbered among the guests, members of the branch committee of management and persons in attendance at the training school being conducted at the branch by the national office.

Mrs. Courtney has been affiliated with the Fifth Street Branch almost four years. A successor to her has not yet been named.

Moton Heads
The Y.M.C.A.

HOME-COMING STAGED

**Swimming Exhibition and
Tug of War to Wind Up
Week of Activities At
Y. M. C. A.**

A bigger and better Young Women's Association, a larger Day Nursery and visiting nurses supported by the community, were advocated by Bishop John Hurs on Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. The address featured a part of the Home-Coming Week activities being celebrated there. Bishop

Hurst said Baltimore's progress is comparable with that of other cities having a large colored population, but in some features of its welfare work it was behind. He advocated the employment of a paid social worker to co-ordinate the city's welfare work and make an industrial survey.

Wm. C. McCard claimed the record as the oldest Y. M. C. A. member in the city. He and his brother, Dr. Harry S. McCard, joined the "Y" in Rockford, Illinois 40 years ago. The Masonic Choir under the direction of Wm. Beaverville furnished the music.

Monday was boys' night and the gymnasium was crowded with youngsters and their parents to witness an athletic demonstration. "Physical Night," for adults will be the feature on the program this Tuesday night. There will be a tug-of-war between professional men and teachers, mat tumbling by W. Rhoades and I. Sam and a swimming match as a finale.

JUNE 15, 1923

PRESSING, SAYS SCHOOL WILL TRAIN

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Christian Street Building for School

The Philadelphia Y. M. C. A.
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Mr. Tobias has been a Secretary of the International Committee 12 years, giving the major portion of his time to student work. He is a graduate of Paine College in the native city of Augusta, Ga., and is now attending Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. Before becoming associated with the International Committee, he was professor of religious education at Paine College, which has awarded him honorary degrees. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias with their two daughters are now in Washington, D. C., but his professional connection to the Senior Secretaryship of the Colored Men's Department will necessitate his moving to New York City. He is a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and is widely known in connection with its activities.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 23.—Definite announcement has been made from the International Y. M. C. A. Headquarters at New York that Dr. J. E. Moorland, the Senior Secretary of the Colored Men's Department on the International Committee will retire this year. This announcement is according to the provision of the Y. M. C. A. Retirement Fund and it is said that Dr. Moorland will be the first colored Secretary to have reached this point, as he will attain to the age of sixty-five as provided in the Retirement Fund regulations.

Dr. Moorland is one of the few pi-oneers now living in projecting the work of the Y. M. C. A. among colored men and boys. He was associated with the late W. C. Wunton one of the outstanding figures in the early days of the movement. It is said that it was through Dr. Moorland's activities in a large measure that resulted in Mr. Julius Ro-

Committee Will Raise \$10,000 To Train Y. M. C. A. Secretaries

Harpers Ferry W. Va., July 19—A diamond stickpin for Dr. J. E. Moorland and a diamond brooch for Mrs. Moorland were presented by admiring friends on Tuesday.

Y. M. C. A. secretaries from all parts of the country, gathered here in the annual summer institute to pay tribute with a varied program to Dr. Moorland who retires next fall as senior secretary of the colored men's department of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee. The exercises took place in Storer College chapel and the speakers included Dr. H. T. McDonald, president of the college John F. Moore, William C. McCord, of Baltimore, Thomas E.

Taylor, New York, C. H. Tobias, of Dr. Moorland's work and who New York, William H. Wortham have been associated with him in it New York, and Dr. Emmett J. including Dr. John R. Mott. C. made to establish a Jesse E. Moor-the Y. M. C. A. is retiring from Scott, of Washington. General Secretary of the Y. M. C. of Y. M. C. A. secretaries and that years. Marks presented Dr. Moorland given so beneficently for Y. M. C. of the \$10,000 necessary, with a black leather-bound volume A. buildings for colored men and a containing expression of apprecia-tions of others. It is a volume tion from many of the most impor-which will be treasured by Dr. and tant men of the country who know Mrs. Moorland

OPENING THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY.

In two recent speeches at the Y. M. C. A. Monster meetings the speakers, both of whom were white, urged the Negroes to patronize their own professional and business men as well as their institutions, stating among other things, that when by doing this the Negro develops a strong class of independent business men and institutions the other fellow will sit up and take notice. This was indeed much needed and timely advice. It is unfortunate however, that the Negro's lack of practical race loyalty is so apparent that white men feel called upon to advise them in this respect. We have never been able to understand how the Negro expects to get anywhere as a race until he by his own efforts opens up avenues of employment for his boys and girls. We admit that there is some improvement among the Negroes along this line. On the other hand, no one will deny the fact that far too many Negroes hear and applaud statements of this kind and walk right out and continue to patronize white professional men and white business institutions with no thought of spending a dollar with race men.

It was not the purpose of the speakers, and it is not the purpose of this article, to suggest a boycott of white concerns, or white professional men for that matter, but only to urge that in his spending the Negro not forget men and institutions of color. It should be pointed out here that it is not the ordinary working man that is the worse offender in this respect. On the contrary it is the so called big Negro, who is the most inconsistent in his race loyalty. The truth of the matter is, the bigger he is the less he seems inclined to patronize men of color. We suggest a self examination on this matter and that we resolve here and now that we will talk less about race loyalty and act more, to the end that we open up new gates of opportunities for the developing young manhood and womanhood of the race.

C. A., who is now staying with her father, Mr. Clark, and the same time, sturdy the vital race problem in South Carolina.

The race question has greatly risen in prominence in Cleveland since the recent negro migration to the north and is now one of the most vital problems of the city. All of the social organizations and both races are studying the matter with the utmost sincerity.

The Y. M. C. A. and other social organizations with which Mr. Lewis is connected have found that provision for the accommodation of the rising generation is a problem of great consequence. The wealthy and educated negroes are willing to give liberally to the betterment of the negro population, especially those who have recently arrived.

After reaching Columbia Mr. Lewis discussed the problem with Mr. Clark and it was suggested that should be pursued in dealing with a conference with the prominent the negro population of that city. Negroes of Columbia be called to which now numbers about \$0,000, see whether or not they could render many of whom are natives of their some aid. The meeting was held city, but a large percentage of Saturday and Mr. Lewis had a very, whom have recently arrived in the frank discussion with them. He was city, said Robert Lewis, metropoli-delighted to find that the relations tan secretary of the Y. M. C. A. between the two races in Columbia Cleveland, who has been in Columbia are quite satisfactory and also to bla visiting at the home of W. A find that in the judgment of many Clark. Mr. Lewis was very much of them Columbia and the South af- interested in the way that the pro-fords the best place for the home blem has been worked out in the and the future of the negro. He south and in the manner in which was much gratified to find here the problem is being handled at many negroes who are intelligent present. While here Mr. Lewis had and prosperous in various lines of a conference with some of the most business.

Sunday morning Mr. Lewis and had a very frank discussion with some friends attended the service them, according to Mr. Clark who at the Bethel Methodist church and arranged for the conference. he expressed himself as being

Mr. Lewis has been in Y. M. C. A. greatly surprised and delighted with the service which he witnessed.

Whether or not the conference Saturday will clarify the problems elded to spend their short vacation before the people in Cleveland will in visiting Mrs. F. S. Brockman, have to be seen, but Mr. Lewis re- wife of F. S. Brockman of the In- turns to Cleveland much pleased ternational committee of the Y. M. with what he has seen and enlight- ened upon the question.

TOBIAS TAKES THE POST OF MORELAND

International Y. M. C. A. Secretary for 35 Years

Gives Way to Young- er Man

NO CHANGES EXPECTED

Dr. R. R. Moton and Bishop

R. E. Jones Speak at At- lantic City Session

By R. T. Lockett

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 26.—(Special)—Channing H. Tobias, student secretary on the Interna- tional Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, was appointed senior secretary of the Colored Men's Department of the International Committee on Satur- day morning at the annual fall conference of secretaries held in the Vernon Room of the Haddon Hall.

He succeeds Dr. Jesse E. Moore- land, the retiring senior secretary, who has served on the committee for thirty-five years.

The appointment was not a sur- prise as Dr. Tobias was the next in line in point of years and also service rendered. He has served on the committee as the student secretary for the past twelve years, and his contribution to the work from his department of student branches in every college and uni- versity, and every large high school and institution of colored students in this country. In 1913 he inaug- urated the King's Mountain Stu- dent Conference that met at the foot of the historic mountain chain- ing the student department of the In- at the Lincoln Academy, King's Mountain, N. C., which has grown to one of the biggest and most im- portant conferences of the year opening of the conference were Ben- and is attended annually by hun- dreds of students from all over the country.

Dr. Tobias is a graduate of Paine College at Augusta, Ga., and for long time had his headquarters in- ute, Hampton, Va.; J. W. Barco, Vir- Augusta. He supplemented his in- college work with four years Theo- Va.; W. C. Craver, Student Secre- logical training at Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J. For the past few years the senior secretary's office has been in Washington, but with his appointment he will establish

permanent headquarters in New York City, the seat of the Interna- tional Committee. No radical change is expected in the policy of the group as the new senior officer was a close student of his retiring chief, from whom he received in- spiration for his success in the work.

Dr. Mooreland, whose retirement is in accordance with the 60-year- old rule of the committee, and which calls for a substantial pen- sion, has made no immediate plans for the future. He is not an "old man" in the ordinary sense of the term, but is in perfect health, ro- bust, glowing and still full of the fiery enthusiasm that has carried him through thirty-five years of the most valuable service to the colored men and boys of the mod- ern world of any man in the his- tory of the race. His retirement will be keenly felt throughout this country and Europe, and testimo- nials in his honor are being held everywhere, and he and his wife have been literally showered with gifts of appreciation and esteem.

The last of the conferences were held yesterday and the Interna- tional men will leave the shore to- day. The convention was address- ed by Bishop R. E. Jones, who reached yesterday, and by Major R. R. Moton, principal of Tuske- gee, who spoke to the assembled delegates on Saturday. All of the sessions were held in the Vernon Room of Haddon Hall.

College Men From Many States Attend Conference At King's Mountain, N.C.

King's Mountain, N. C.—On Friday, May 25, a group of colored college men from all parts of the South and East, gathered at Lincoln Academy for the King's Mountain Conference for colored students. They came from as far north as Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa., and from as far south as the Florida A. and M. Col- lege, Tallahassee, Fla. Every colored college of any importance, east of Ala- bama and Tennessee, was represented.

The King's Mountain Y. M. C. A. Con- ference for Negro students is historic- Here many of their greatest leaders have received inspiration for a life of Christian work.

The conference is under the direc- tionship of C. H. Tobias, represent- ing the student department of the In- ternational Committee. Among the visitors, lecturers and leaders at the opening of the conference were Ben- amin G. Brawley, Negro historian; Miss Francis Williams of the Y. W. C. A. Student Department; T. A. Bolling, Secretary Y. M. C. A., Hampton Insti- tute, Hampton, Va.; J. W. Barco, Vir- ginia Union University, Richmond, Va.; W. C. Craver, Student Secre- tary International Committee; A. H. Gordon, Secretary Y. M. C. A., State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Willis J. King, Gammon Theological Seminary,

South Atlanta, Ga.; S. M. Nkomo, Rhodesia, South Africa; J. H. McGrew, Secretary International Committee; V. C. Turner, Tuskegee Institute; Wm. Buchanan of South Carolina State College; and Bishop Robert E. Jones of the M. E. Church, who preached on Sunday morning.

DR. MOTON VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL Y. M. C. A.

Tuskegee Institute Principal on Gen- eral Committee.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Oct. 25.—Special to The Advertiser.—An- nouncement has been received here that Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Indus- trial Institute and president of the National Negro Business League has been elected as one of the five vice- presidents of the International Y. M. C. A. council which held its sessions in Cleveland, Ohio, this week.

Dr. Moton has served as a member of the International Y. M. C. A. committee for several years and his interest in this work is widely known. The recognition of his serv- ices accorded in the effecting of the permanent organization is gratifying to his friends and co-workers throughout the country.

Rosenwald Makes

\$25,000 Offer For Pittsburgh "Y" Another Chicago "Y" American-Pa. 9-28-23

CHICAGO, Ill. Sept. 28.—(By A. N. P.)—At a dinner in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. Fri- day night, Julius Rosenwald offered to give \$25,000 toward another col- ored Y in Chicago. The same condi- tion which he imposes on his other Y. M. C. A. gifts must be observed, the colored people must raise \$75,000. It is believed the splendid record of use- fulness of the Wabash Y under Secre- tary George Arthur and the increased need, due to the bulge in population inspired Mr. Rosenwald to make his munificent offer.

SEND YOUR BOY TO THE Boys' Conference

Bordentown Industrial School

Wednesday, July 11 to Sunday, July 15 Entire charges \$4.00

CLEVELAND HAS RACE PROBLEM

Official of Y. M. C. A. There Visits Columbia and Investi- gates Negro Situation

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High Point, N. C., Enterprise THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE Y. M. C. A. DEALS LIBERALLY WITH COLORED MEN

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Charlotte is to have a negro Y. land, Ohio with a successful solution of its problems of reorganization and supervision. One aspect of the Convention's activity may be very far-reaching for racial goodwill, although it received little publicity. First, in making arrangements for the Convention the Committee of Thirty-Three took a notable stand on the matter of the treatment of its one colored member and of the eight colored delegates to the Convention. Because of the refusal of managers of the hotels and other places to give accommodations to Colored representatives, two meetings had to be moved. Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, was a member of the Committee of Thirty-Three and was elected second vice-chairman of the Convention. He also served on one of the important committees, that on General Agencies, while Dr. George E. Haynes of the Federal Council of Churches served on the Committee on National Legislation. Mr. H. C. Parker of New York City served on the Business Committee, and Dr. W. T. Nelson of Cincinnati served

STUDENTS' TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Held at King's Mountain, N. C., With Representatives From South and East.

Kings Mountain, N. C., June 1.—A group of college men from all parts of the South and East met here at Lincoln Academy, May 26, for the Twelfth King's Mountain Conference for Colored Students. Representatives were here from as far North as Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and as far South as Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee, Florida. 6-9-23

The King's Mountain Conference for Colored Students is historic. Here many of the great leaders have received inspiration for a life of Christian work, among whom is Max Yergan, who went as a missionary into Africa. The conference was under the direct leadership of Mr. C. H. Tobias, representing the Student Department of the International Committee.

Among the distinguished lecturers at the conference were: Prof. Benjamin Brawley, the Negro historian; Miss Francis Williams, of the Y. W. C. A.; Mr. T. A. Bolling, secretary, Y. M. C. A., Hampton Institute; Prof. J. W. Barco, Virginia Union University; Mr. C. W. Craver, Student secretary, International Committee; A. H. Gordon, secretary, Y. M. C. A., State College, Organsburg, S. C.; Prof. Willis J. King, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. S. M. Nkoma, Rhodesia, South Africa; Mr. J. H. McGraw, secretary, International Committee; Prof. V. C. Turner, Tuskegee Institute; Prof. William Buchanan, South Carolina State College; Bishop Robert E. Jones, of the M. E. Church and Dr. George E. Haynes, of New York.

After Twenty-Three Years of Inspirational Service "Y" Loses Out Through Financial Difficulties and Public Indifference.

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The institution suffered a serious set back in 1918, through from what is claimed to have been a misunderstanding concerning money raised in a joint campaign with the white association. The colored association was promised, it has been stated, a portion of the funds contributed by this campaign and thru the failure to receive the amount, which should have been around \$3,600, it suffered an embarrassment from which it never fully recovered. This was particularly a strain upon the institution at this time as extensive interior repairs were in progress. To meet the obligations caused by these improvements the bonded indebtedness had to be greatly increased and current revenue devoted to satisfying a part of this obligation as well. The result was financial chaos, which a few days ago terminated in the transfer of the building into other hands.

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The Elks have not made public the details of their plans concerning the future uses to which the building will be put, but it is learned that extensive improvements will be made to it and proper equipment furnished to make it an ideal Elks' Temple.

There is a vast amount of rich and exceedingly interesting history attached to the Y. M. C. A. in Norfolk and its work, together with men of a generation ago and of latter days who were connected with it and next week the Journal and Guide will publish a full story of the 35 years "Y" history in this city. It is certainly worth reading.

DR. J. E. MOORLAND
INTERNATIONAL "Y"
SEC'Y WILL RETIRE

(Special to Pittsburgh American)
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GIVEN TESTIMONIAL

Friends of Dr. J. E. Moorland, retiring senior secretary of the international committee Y. M. C. A., have forwarded to Dr. W. T. Nelson of Cincinnati, chairman of the Moorland testimonial fund, a check for \$100, Chicago's quota to that fund. All of the larger associations have been requested by the committee to join in making this testimonial success. On July 10 at Harper's Ferry Dr. Moorland will be presented with an appropriate gift as an appreciation for his many friends throughout the country for the long years of honest effort he has put into the work and which, in a large measure, has helped to bring the Y. M. C. A. movement to its present high standing. The rest of the fund, which it is hoped will reach \$5,000 or more, will be set aside for a scholarship in one of the Y. M. C. A. colleges, to be used in the training of young men desiring to enter the Y. M. C. A. work and who may need the assistance of this fund while in school.

Among the Chicago donors were the following: William Francis, Dr. M. O. Bousfield, Dr. Spencer C. Dickerson, Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, R. S. Abbott, Dr. A. W. Williams, Walter Searcy, Harold S. Prince, George R. Arthur, Dr. George C. Hall, J. C. Igou, George W. Johnson, Ralph O. Bryant, Jesse Binga, George T. Trice, Leroy W. Tucker, Major John R. Lynch and Henry R. Crawford.

Announcement is made from New York by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America of the appointment of Channing H. Tobias as Senior Secretary of the Colored Men's Department of that Committee. He succeeds Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, who reached the retirement age upon Oct. 1. Dr. Moorland had been connected with the Colored Men's Department for 25 years.

Mr. Tobias has been a Secretary of the International Committee for 12 years, giving the major portion of his time to student work. He is a graduate of Paine College in his native city of Augusta, Ga., and of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. Before becoming associated with the International Committee he was professor of religious education at Paine College, which has awarded him honorary degrees. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias with their two daughters live in Washington, D. C., but his promotion to the Senior Secretaryship of the Colored Men's Department will necessitate his moving to New York City. He is a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and is widely known in connection with its activities.

In announcing to the general and executive secretaries of Colored Associations the election of Mr. Tobias as his successor Dr. Moorland said: "Mr. Tobias has had wonderful success as a leader in the department of our work to which he has given a major portion of his time. He has won for himself the high regard and respect of the International Committee and its Secretaries. He has had wide experience and many contacts with national bodies, both white and colored. He has maintained a high standard with Southern leaders, has never sacrificed principle, and has always acted with the best interests of our group in mind. He is well known

to practically all of our brotherhood, and I am most happy to commend him to you.

"I trust you will give Mr. Tobias that cordial cooperation that you have always given to me. I leave with the deepest gratitude in my heart for the privilege which has been mine of serving with the splendid men who have been in the leadership of this great movement."

Dr. Moorland expressed the view that the future of the Colored Men's Department was never more promising. There are today approximately 150 Associations for colored men and boys with a membership approaching 30,000. The sub-committee of the International Committee for the Colored Men's Department of the International Committee is composed of Major R. R. Moton. Tuskegee Institute, Chairman;



DR. C. H. TOBIAS
Bishop Robert E. Jones, New Orleans,
F. B. Ransom, Indianapolis; Dr. Frank
K. Sanders, William Jay Schieffelin,
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PLAN TESTIMONIAL UPON RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL OFFICER

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Dr. Moorland is one of the few pioneers now living, in projecting the work of the Y. M. C. A. among the colored men and boys. He was associated with the late W. O. Hunter, one of the outstanding figures in the early days of movement. It is said that it was through Dr. Moorland's activities in a large measure that resulted in Mr. Julius Rosenwald's generosity in offering \$25,000 for every city in the United States that would raise \$75,000 to erect a colored men's branch within a given time. Fourteen cities took advantage of this offer, and their buildings and Y. M. C. A. Organizations attest the wisdom and the far-sightedness exercised by Dr. Moorland in pressing this program.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. among the colored people of the United States has been developed by leaps and bounds until, according to figures issued in the last Year Book, the total membership in the City Y. M. C. A. the Students' Y. M. C. A., the Industrial Y. M. C. A., and the Railroad Department of the Y. M. C. A. aggregates 26,640. Every one of this vast group has decided on a definite program of raising a fund to be presented to Dr. Moorland as a testimonial upon his retirement. Mr. B. W. Overton, the Active Secretary of the Ninth Street Branch of the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A., assisted by Dr. W. Y. Nelson, the Chairman of the Branch, has already started the ball to rolling and are active in pushing forward this movement.

Loss Of The Y. M. C. A.

The loss of the Y. M. C. A. building on Queen street to the service to which it was built and dedicated is a matter greatly to be regretted. Not only is it a matter for our regrets, but its passing under the circumstances which it did pass constitutes a shame upon our citizenship. It will be hard for us to boast of our progressiveness in this community without the advantages of a well ordered "Y" housed in creditable building such as the one the work has had the misfortune to lose.

The institution in late years seems to have foundered into a maze of financial difficulties, but these handicaps were no greater, and probably not as great, as were those under which it began functioning many years ago. It was delivered from chaos at that time by the staunch men of a generation back, many dead and not a few yet amongst us, whose spirit and zeal for a third of a century made Moorland's activities in a large measure a credit to our race and to Christian enlightenment. It could have been extricated from its financial perils in these latter years, if the public had arisen from its lethargy and properly sensed its responsibility to Negro youth. The board of directors strove hard to weather the storm that seemed to gather about it with increasing menace, but the community failed to respond and the building was enveloped by the financial stresses which had been crowding about it for years.

However, lamenting over its loss is not in order now. It is the future existence of the Y. M. C. A. work with which we must at present be concerned. The work and its influence need not stop, and should not stop. Other buildings can be secured, probably not so pretentious and not so well equipped as the one loss, but a house can be had that will at least enable the work to go on until better provisions can be made.

Movements having for their purpose the molding of boys into worthy and substantial men, among other races, here in our own city flourish from the loyal support of their elders. The Boys Clubs, Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A. and similar organizations move on to the development of the best that there is in white boys while ours founder around and finally go down because of lack of interest, and the race suffers. The responsibility is all ours. It makes no difference what may have been the past mistakes of the "Y" organization: the

institution was dedicated to the development of the moral, spiritual and physical life of colored youth in Norfolk and that was a matter of the highest concern to us. During its thirty-five years of actual life it has been the means of inspiring hundreds of men and boys many of whom are still living in Norfolk while others are scattered thruout other cities and thus, Christianity has been pushed a little way onward, and it is our hope that the future influences of the "Y" will be greater than the past.

The loss of that building is a glaring symptom of the chronic civic debility which seems to have possessed colored Norfolk and which needs to be treated with a strong dose of community revitalizing elixir administered by a pathologist well versed in the treatment and cure of civic disorders.

Moton Heads the Y. M. C. A.

Tuskegee Head Named to Succeed Dr. Wm. J. Schiefflein.

Close upon the announcement of the retirement of Dr. Jesse Moorland, senior international Y. M. C. A. secretary in charge of colored work, comes the word that Dr. R. R. Moton of Tuskegee has been named to succeed Dr. Wm. J. Schiefflein as chairman of the international sub-committee in charge of colored work.

Associated with him on the committee are Bishop R. E. Jones of the M. E. Church, F. B. Ransome of the Madame Walker firm and Treeman Brinkley. C. H. Tobias or R. P. Hamlin, junior international secretaries, may succeed to the place left vacant by Dr. Moorland. Under the Y. M. C. A. rule all secretaries must retire at the age of 60.

Much speculation has arisen from the announcement that the constitutional convention to be called soon in Cleveland will change the plan of administering colored work.

Heretofore, under Dr. Moorland the colored associations have had their own administrative department under his direction. C. H. Tobias and C. H. Craver headed the student work; Robert de Frantz and R. P. Hamlin, city work and personnel. These same secretaries also looked after the industrial and railroad Y. M. C. As.

For some time it is declared Southern influences have been at work to abolish the colored administration and have all these various departments merge with the same departments handling work in the white associations.

Nearly 50 per cent of the funds for the carrying on of the international committee's work in colored associations was given last year by colored people.

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THE CLEVELAND Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

(Continued from last issue)

By THE OBSERVER

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Then followed a statement from the Canadian delegation on the "Canadian organization and its relation to the Constitutional Convention." The burden of its statement was that the Canadian Young Men's Christian Association did not want our convention to sever the present federal relationship between the Canadian national organization and our national organization.

"Expositions of the different concrete plans for reorganization" followed. There were at least fourteen of them most of which showed clearly that they were results of much thought and physical energy. One of the interesting things about this phases of the program was that plan 10 was the work of an outsider, Mr. Mark M. Jones, John D. Rockefeller's expert, who had been asked to study and criticize our association and suggest a remedy for the defects he found. His criticisms were the most severe of any presented to the convention and the effect thereof is very apparent in the constitution adopted. It is important to note that most of the plans and the principal ones of them, were worked out wholly by laymen and not professional Young Men's Christian Association workers; and that these laymen were

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"In the committee of sixty, debate raged until nearly 4 yesterday morning, and as the debate went on, sleepy committeemen, aroused from their slumber and hastily dressed, appeared for the test of strength. The committee of sixty took a vote not long before dawn but according to reports on the convention floor, was about equally divided between two plans. But the day was saved by the leaders of the opposing forces agreed on trying to get together.

During this intense period some one was inspired to sing: "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag." This caused a spirit of merriment to burst forth in a solemn hour as the sudden bursting of the sun rays through a dark cloud, and there immediately followed the singing of "A Long, Long Trail," "Beautiful Katy," and "Suwanee River." Then, Dr. Robert R. Moton was asked to lead the convention in singing some plantation songs. He said he was sorry that he had been called on to sing but admitted with a general smile that all Negroes could sing. He said he wished that that was a Hampton or Tuskegee audience. However the spirit in which the convention sang "I Want to be More Holy," "In Bright Mansions Above," and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," would have done credit to any audience.

The conferees agreed on a plan, and a constitution that was a compromise between the states rights forces and the nationalists forces was unanimously adopted. It may be summarized as follows:

A national council of from 300 to 400 representatives of local associations elected according to electoral districts, with twenty-one ex-officio members. Council members hold office three years. This body will meet annually.

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Mrs. MARIE PEAKE JOHNSON



Superintendent of the Emma Ransom House, the Y. W. C. A. Residence House, at 200 West 138th Street, New York City.

Y. W. C. A. Residence House Is Valuable Aid to Work

Emma Ransom House, Located at 200 West 138th Street,
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Building Now Undergoing Renovation.

A branch of the Y. W. C. A. work that is filling a long felt need among the colored people of Harlem is the Emma Ransom House, 200 West 137th street, which offers to young women coming to the city for work or study a safe, clean and orderly home at a moderate price. The home was opened three years ago by the Metropolitan Board of the Y. W. C. A., and is under the direction of Mrs. Marie Peake Johnson. The building is a modern five story structure with 51 rooms, which can accommodate 86 people. Dur-

ing the past year it supplied lodging to 1,781 transient people and 884 who stayed three weeks or longer. A number of the regular residents of the house, who are students have recently formed a dramatic club.

Mrs. Johnson, the director of the house, is a graduate of the music department of Fisk University, and is well known on the concert stage as a member of the Johnson-Taylor-Johnson Trio. She began doing "Y" work at the outbreak of the war in 1917, and was for some time the secretary of the Room Registry Department of the

137th Street Branch. She came to her present position in September of last year, and in less than a year has affected several beneficial changes in the conduct of the house. Among the most important of these changes was the securing of equal representation of colored women with whites on the board of management of the home. This board is now composed of Mrs. W. N. Rossiter, chairman, Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Mrs. Florence Pattee and Mrs. Elizabeth Michael.

In addition to this improvement, the rooms of the home are now being renovated and the place made more home-like for those who live there. Many of the people who come here are strangers in the city and are given the sympathy and advice of Mrs. Johnson and her staff in securing work or in their school work. The staff of the home is composed of Mrs. Lillian Palacios and Mrs. Edna Barr, desk assistants, and Mrs. Maud Jones, night supervisor.

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TO SPEAK AT VESPER SERVICES OF CHURCH

Isaac Fisher, Writer of Note,
Teaches at Fish University.

NOTES OF COLORED FOLK

Isaac Fisher, of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., will speak at the vesper hour service of the Y. W. C. A. at 4 p. m. Sunday at Simpson M. E. church.

Mr. Fisher is a speaker and writer of note and prior to becoming a teacher at Fisk he was, for many years, connected with Tuskegee Institute. He is now university editor at Fisk. He has done much toward the development of Fisk University to its present standing. Mr. Fisher also has won a number of prizes in essay contests. He is a member of the interracial commission of the southeast, the first to be organized, and of the race commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Mr. Fisher is also vice-president of the American Missionary Association and was delegate-at-large to the recent international constitutional convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.

SPEAKER FOR Y. M. MEETING.

John Hope, College President, on "South Today and Tomorrow."

John Hope, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting" of the Young Men's Christian Association, at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. For twenty-five years he has been a leading figure in the south through connections with the interracial committee. He was selected by the Y. M. C. A. as chief personnel officer of the Y. M. C. A. work overseas

for all colored men and is regarded as one of the most constructive leaders in the race. He has had a number of degrees conferred which is that of Master of Arts by his alma mater, Brown University. He will speak on "The South Today and Tomorrow."

The Y. M. C. A. concert band will give several selections and Alonzo Fields will sing "Three Shadows," by Burleigh.

The social committee, lead by Orlando Rodman, will host to the Chestnut Street Branch Y. M. C. A., Louisville Checker Club Thursday evening.

The physical department has announced a volley ball league will be formed, composed of business and professional men's teams. Playing schedules will be started Wednesday.

The campaign to increase attendance at the Bible class, headed by Lucian Coleman, closed Tuesday evening with remarkable success. Dr. A. T. Clarke is the teacher. The class meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30.

Dr. W. E. Brown has announced that a class in cabinet-making under the direction of Clarence Hicks will open the first of January.

VISIT CENTRAL Y. W. C. A.

Girls of Industrial Department Also Hold Semi-Monthly Meeting.

The industrial committee of the Phyllis Wheatly branch of the Young Women's Christian Association held its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday morning.

Ten club girls of the department, together with the secretary, spent Sunday afternoon at the Central Y. W. C. A. An interesting program of story and song was given at the regular vesper hour, after which all of the industrial girls withdrew to the federation room and sang cheer songs and spirituals accompanied by ukeleles. Refreshments were served and at 8 o'clock the meeting closed with inspection of the building. This is the first meeting the central and branch industrial departments have had together.

Miss Jean Batty, of the Buenos Aires Y. W. C. A., Brazil, South America, spoke to the Adelpian Club girls Tuesday afternoon. She told them of the work of the association in South America and expressed her thanks for the hearty co-operation of the secretaryship the colored girls are helping to maintain.

The Excelsior Club brought cheer and comfort to the guests at the Alpha Home Wednesday, November 28, by the giving of Thanksgiving baskets and the rendition of a splendid program.

C. E. HARRY, JR., TO MARRY.

Miss Martha Selma Beck Will Be the Bride.

William P. Beck issued invitations this week for the marriage of his daughter, Martha Selma, to Charles E. Harry, Jr., which will take place December 24 at the home of the bride.

Miss Beck, who is a teacher of mathematics in the Booker T. Washington Junior High School, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. She is a member of the Lambda Omega Graduate Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Mr. Harry, whose home is in East Providence, R. I., is a teacher here, a graduate of the Rhode Island State University and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

They will be at home after January 24, at 419 West Twenty-sixth street.

TO DEDICATE \$10,000 ORGAN.

Horace Whitehouse Will Play at Phillip Memorial Church.

A recital will be held at the Phillip

Memorial temple Monday night to dedicate the new \$10,000 pipe organ recently placed in the church.

This organ is the only one of its kind in the state, having been designed by Earl Keen, musical director of the church, and built by Volter-Holtkamp Company.

Horace Whitehouse, president of the Indiana College of Music, will give the program, assisted by local talent.

She came to Mrs. Mason, who got her a job and helped her get straight. The woman is now married and doing well in Ohio.

Miss Aluvia M. Stoner, secretary of the colored womens' department of the State Womens' Employment agency, with offices at No. 435 Fourth Avenue, spoke of colored women in employment. She said there is more work than applicants, but in many cases the women do not give satisfaction. The principal work is domestic. The factories and janatorial work is on the decline.

Speaking for his congregation at No. 75 Arthur street, Rev. Chas. H. Trusty, who is celebrating the 55th anniversary of his church this week and the 13th anniversary of his pastorate, said he has already thought of formulating plans for relief work in late winter. Two years ago, he said, "My church fed twice a day between three and four hundred men for several weeks. But if we do it again it will be in the light of our past experience. Because there was something free, men of all classes, criminals and those who wouldn't and didn't work when they could, came and even crowded the worthy poor away. There will have to be some way for weeding out these undesirables, or else you will have an aggregation of criminals who will actually menace the well-being of the community."

"And again, the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army have a system for just this kind of work. Why not put the proposition up to them and make them come across with taking their share of the Negro men who need aid?"

"But if they won't do it, or if they shift the responsibility?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "yes, we tried that before and they shifted the responsibility on our churches."

"The work is unquestionably one that needs to be done, and it needs thought and money to carry it out. I'm willing to work along the same lines I did before. I wish the Courier success in arousing the other ministers and social workers in this direction."

Rev. J. C. Anderson, pastor of "Big Bethel", in his home at No. 95 Elm street, stood squarely in favor of the movement. "I think it would be better," he said, "if you would come before the Ministerial Council, which meets every Monday and place the proposition before all the ministers at once. I would be glad to see that they give you a hearing. I believe our people should take care of their own when

in need. Other races do it and we should do no less. Say I am heartily in favor of the movement."

Rev. J. C. Austin, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, at Wylie avenue and Devilliers street, said his denomination has already appointed a committee to devise ways and means for welfare work on an extensive scale. He further stated, however, that he is willing to co-operate with an especial city movement along lines which he already has in motion. He is glad of the Courier's effort and hopes it will make the work easier by placing it before the people and creating favorable sentiment.

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NEGRO DAY IN CHARLOTTE.

An Appreciation of the Colored Y. W. C. A. Campaign.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Perhaps that should be an appropriate slogan for the colored Y. W. C. A. campaign which will begin on the 15th of October for the purpose of getting sufficient funds for erecting a brick structure in the city of Charlotte. Nothing is any more needful for the negro race in our city than this proposed home for the Young Women's Christian Association. It is hence befitting that every negro in Charlotte who possesses any spark in his bosom for humanity's uplift and racial pride should take a part and do his bit to promote this great and worthy undertaking. We wish to state in advance that words are inadequate for expressing our most sincere gratitude for the splendid spirit of co-operation which is manifested by the white Young Women's Christian Association of our city. We are not at all surprised of such step on their part, because Charlotte is a city of "Better feelings and better understanding" between races.

In all our endeavors for the development and advancement of the race we can always depend upon our white friends. We thoroughly believe our white friends are going to stand by us in this project, as they did in giving us the new high school on South Alexander street, which is a credit to the community and the race. Shall we fail to help ourselves in the face of what is being done for us? The hope of the race lies in the virtue and integrity of the negro girl. Save her and you will save the race. Let every church and Sunday school take part in the grand parade on the 14th of October which will form at the new colored high school, South Alexander street, and march to the city Auditorium where a mass meeting will be held. All ministers are expected to be present. Let us make this a "Negro Day" in Charlotte.

REV. D. B. MODOANA, D. D.
Charlotte, September 29.

WHEELING, W. VA., SEPTEMBER 29.

15 COLORED MEN

GIVE \$750 TO Y. W.

Fifteen Wheeling colored men yesterday contributed \$750 to the campaign fund of the Young Women's Christian Association now being raised to settle deferred payments of the association building and property.

This money will go towards the \$40,000 being raised among Wheeling citizens before the actual campaign for \$75,000 is placed before the public.

In sending in the contribution to the association headquarters the communi-

cation stated it was made as a result of the interest in the Blue Triangle Branch of the association.

Each of the fifteen colored men contributed \$50. They are:

Robert Clark	D. O. Taylor
Ashby Jackson	George W. Turner
James Erse	Jams Tryor
Dr. John Davis	Frank Coleman
Dr. W. A. Wright	William Asher
Dr. M. A. Morrison	Harry Tass
Dr. E. S. Kennedy	A. H. Evans
William Turner	

**Rosenwald Offers \$25,000
Toward Another Col. Y.**

St. Louis, Mo.

Associated Negro Press.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 19.—At a dinner in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A., Friday night Julius Rosenwald, offered to give \$25,000 toward another Colored "Y" in Chicago. The same condition which he imposes on his other Y. M. C. A. gifts must be observed, the Colored people must raise \$75,000. It is believed the splendid record of usefulness of the Wabash Y under Secretary George Arthur and the increased need, due to the bulge in population inspired Mr. Rosenwald to make his magnificent offer.

D. C. HAS NEW Y. W. GIRLS' SECRETARY

St. Louis, Mo.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—Miss Ellariz Y. Mason, the daughter of Dr. U. G. Mason of Chicago, Illinois, and Birmingham, Ala., has assumed duties as girls' secretary at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. Miss Mason is well prepared for her work in the Y. W. C. A. as she is a graduate of the Chicago School of Physical Culture, Hull House, Chicago, and has in addition served since last January as girls' secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at St. Louis, Missouri.

**Colored "Y" Workers in
Attendance on Eastern
Y. W. C. A. Conference**

New York

(Special Correspondence)

Silver Bay, N. Y.—Sixteen colored delegates attending the Eastern City Conference of the National Young Women's Christian Association held here July 17 to 22. This is the largest number of race workers ever in attendance on a Silver Bay Conference.

More than five hundred leaders of city Y. W. C. A.'s were present, representing cities from Washington to Maine.

The program was made up of addresses

by religious and social work leaders. Included Bible study classes, and courses and discussions dealing with vital problems connected with the work of improving conditions, physically, mentally and morally, among women in cities.

The colored workers at the Silver Bay Conference were:

New York City: West 137th Street Branch—Mrs. E. Michael, chairman of religious educational committee, Miss Rosalie Pinkney, educational secretary and Miss Marie Rodriguez, club member.

Brooklyn, N. Y.: Ashland Place Branch—Mrs. George Murray, chairman finance committee, Miss Frances Gummer, executive secretary, and Miss Vivian Carter, girls' work secretary.

Washington: Phyllis Wheatley Association—Mrs. Frances Boyce, president of Board of Management.

Philadelphia:—Mrs. Mary Earle, general secretary.

Jersey City: House of Friendliness—Mrs. Maud Cole, chairman of girls' work committee, and Mrs. B. E. Courtney general secretary.

Rochester: Miss Emma Rolls, girls club leader, and Miss Fitzgerald, general secretary.

Orange, N. J.: Oakwood Branch—Mrs. Lena Brown, chairman, and Mrs. Glover, secretary, of the Committee of Management.

Germantown: Mrs. Mary Cowdery and Mrs. Anna White, members of the Committee of Management.

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A FINE ENDEAVOR BY THE Y. W. C. A.

It is seven years since the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association was organized. It is the only piece of community service that is being done. It is the only common ground on which all denominations can meet. "The purpose of this organization shall be to associate young women in personal loyalty to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to promote growth in Christian character and service through physical, social, mental and spiritual training; and to become a social force for the extension of the Kingdom of God."

To this end hundreds of women and girls have been gathered together in the following classes: Bible, sewing, cooking, millinery, English, stenography, typewriting, dressmaking, embroidery, and singing.

As many as 400 a month have assembled from time to time in one small room, where there has been practically no equipment. There are over 250 members who pay a dollar a year—and many junior members that pay 50 cents a year.

A very successful employment bureau has been conducted. In other words the Phyllis Wheatley Branch is doing a very fine piece of character building which will in time have its direct effect on the whole community.

They are now asking the people of Charlotte to give them a building. It is the first campaign the colored people of Charlotte have ever conducted among white and colored, and we believe Charlotte will stand by her negroes, who are as fine a group as could be found in any community.